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Dear Friend,

Thank you for writing to me about health care and comprehensive health care reform. I have long supported universal health care for all Americans, and I take every opportunity to make the case that leaving tens of millions of Americans without health insurance is not acceptable.

I am a cosponsor of H.R. 676, the United States National Health Care Act, or the Expanded and Improved Medicare for All Act, sponsored by my colleague Rep. John Conyers, which as you may know would establish an American national health insurance program, and ensure that all Americans have access, guaranteed by law, to the highest quality and most effective health care services regardless of their employment, income, or health care status. I cosponsored it in the 110th Congress as well.

As we in Congress reform health care overall, I also support having a public option among choices for all Americans, addressing affordable prevention, treatment and care -- including the benefits of health information technology (HIT) with the assurance of patient privacy -- as well as meaningful research. I also support addressing health care access disparities, the shortage of primary care physicians, nurses, mental health access and imaging resources and educational relief for these professionals.

I will continue to do everything I can to work for passage of legislation providing universal health care for all Americans, including during this time of comprehensive health care reform.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Barney Frank". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

BARNEY FRANK